

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite the claims as follows (a bracketed and underlined version of the amended claims are included in APPENDIX A - AMENDMENTS):

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- 3. (Amended) An inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state with a particle size is between about 1 and about 200 microns.
 4. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 3 wherein the particle size is between about 1 and about 150 microns.
 5. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 3 wherein the particle size is between about 1 and about 125 microns.
 6. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 3 wherein the particle size is between about 1 and about 115 microns.
 7. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 3 wherein the particle size is between about 1 and about 110 microns.
 8. (Amended) An inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state with a zeta potential between about 33 and 50 mV.
 9. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 8 wherein the zeta potential is between about 34 and 50 mV.
 10. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 8 wherein the zeta potential is between about 34 and 48 mV.
 11. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 8 wherein the zeta potential is between about 35 and 45 mV.
 12. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 8 wherein the zeta potential is between about 3 and 43 mV.
 13. (Amended) The inorganic polymeric electret in a colloidal state of claim 8 wherein the zeta potential is between about 37 and 41 mV.
 14. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 8 wherein the zeta potential is between about 37 and 39 mV.
 15. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 8 wherein the zeta potential is between about 37 and 38 mV.
 16. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 8 wherein the zeta potential is about 37.7 mV.

17. (Amended) An inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state wherein the concentration of the inorganic polymer electret is greater than about 1,000 parts per million.
18. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 17 wherein the concentration of polymer electret is greater than about 2,000 parts per million.
19. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 17 wherein the concentration of polymer electret is greater than about 4,000 parts per million.
20. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 17 wherein the concentration of polymer electret is greater than about 10,000 parts per million.
21. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 17 wherein the concentration of polymer electret is greater than about 50,000 parts per million.
22. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 17 wherein the concentration of polymer electret is greater than about 100,000 parts per million.
23. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 17 wherein the concentration of polymeric electret is greater than about 150,000 parts per million.
24. (Amended) The inorganic polymer electret in a colloidal state of claim 17 wherein the concentration of polymer electret is greater than about 200,000 parts per million. --

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2002. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by July 15, 2002.

There are presently 24 claims pending in the case. Claims 3-24 are pending in the case with claims 1 and 2 having been withdrawn from consideration. Applicant is submitting this response in order to place the case in condition for allowance.

In the office action, claims 3-7 and 17-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by a patent to Winyall, et al.

Further, claims 8-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as containing subject matter which is not described in the specification in such ways to enable one skilled in the art to use the invention.

Claims 3-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to particularly point out and claim the invention. Applicant acknowledges the rejection of the Examiner and respectfully traverses.